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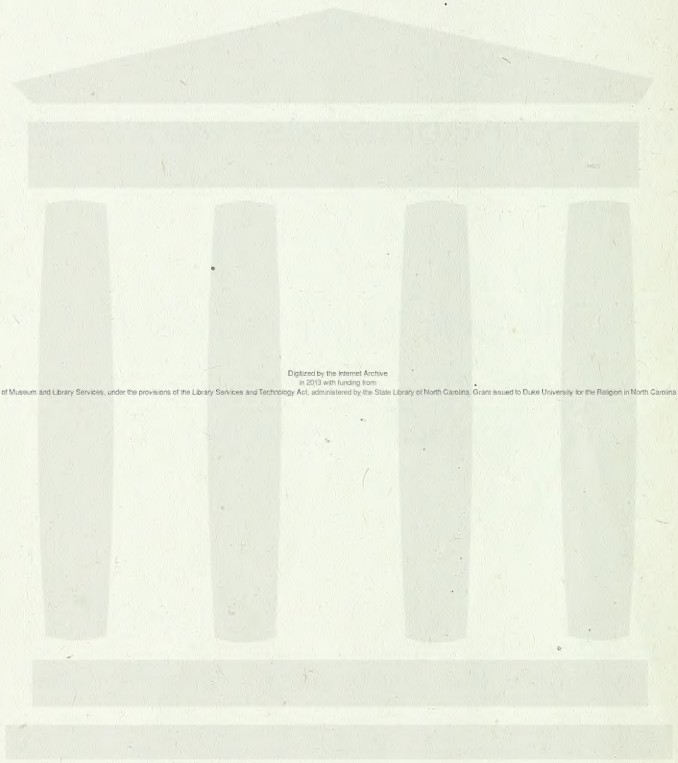

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PROCEEDINGS

Fair Bluff Baptist Church,
October 18, 1916.

The eighteenth session of the Cape Fear-Columbus Association convened today and was called to order by its Moderator, J. R. Williamson. A cordial welcome was extended by the Moderator to Drs. C. J. Thompson and Walter N. Johnson, of Raleigh, and to J. S. Langley and W. B. Sherwood, of the Pee Dee Association, S. C.

The introductory sermon was preached by Dr. C. J. Thompson. Text: Gal. 6:8.

Recess.

Reassemble at 2 p. m. Roll call with twenty-eight churches represented.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Finance: J. F. Rogers, Geo. Collier, and E. C. Hinson.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received from Association	$441.90	
By paid to Walters Durham		$379.00
By paid Minute Fund		45.00
Total balance on hand		17.90
	$441.90	$441.90

The report on State Missions was read by F. T. Wooten, and discussed by Walter N. Johnson, and adopted.

This report failed to get into the hands of the Clerk.

The report on the Laymen's Movement was read and discussed by Porter Hufham, and further discussed by C. J. Thompson, and approved.

REPORT ON THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

The Laymen's Movement, which was organized by a few Christian business men, for the purpose of assisting our pastors in the matter of collecting money for missions, and other incidental expenses of the church, while practically in its infancy, has accomplished some results; and should be pushed by the laymen of our denomination until every individual church has a strong layman organization for the purpose of keeping the needs of the

different missions, and all the other financial objects of the denomination properly before the members of each individual church; so that our already overworked pastors would never have to take any active part in raising funds for the sustenance of the church at home, or, on foreign fields.

The Apostle Paul in 1st Cor. 16:2: Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come. And this should apply to the churches today as forcibly as it did in Paul's day. This work properly belongs to the men of the individual churches. And each church should adopt some plan best suited to its members for the purpose of raising funds for the different objects of the Convention, and then strive to accomplish something.

When we think of the great work of the State Mission Board, and the wonderful progress made in sending the blessed gospel to the destitute places in our own beloved North Carolina, and the thousands of souls that have been saved from sin and death by the aid of this Board, and then when we remember that this Board is laboring under a debt of $40,000 at the present time, it should so arouse the men of our denomination, that there would be within the next twelve months one of the greatest revolutions for State Missions—and not only for State Missions, but for all Missions, that has ever been during the history of our denomination.

We believe that it would be a good plan for each church to appoint a Finance Committee to look after the matter of raising money, and let this committee make a thorough canvass of all the members of their church at the beginning of each associational year, and ascertain if possible what each member will give, 1st, for pastors' salary, and then for each object of the Convention. And then never let up until every dollar has been raised. I believe that if each church in the Columbus Association would adopt this plan, and work untiringly for one year, we would meet in our next Association with the best showing from a financial standpoint, we have ever made, and each church would be blessed spiritually as never before.

Brethren, let us awake from our slumber, and work as we have never worked before to accomplish something for the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord. For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye aer God's house.

Respectfully submitted,
PORTER HUFHAM, Committee.

A collection amounting to $17.00 was taken for the relief of the widow of the late Rev. M. A. Stephens.

Adjourned till 9:30 tomorrow.

THURSDAY.

9:30 a. m.—Association met with Moderator presiding. Devotional services conducted by J. D. Howell.

The Moderator appointed the following Committtee on Time, Place, and Nominations for next meeting: A. H. Porter, J. D. Howell, W. P. Campbell, R. D. Covington, P. J. Stephens, G. W. Stanley, Jabel Gore, Luther Lennon, and Vernon Norris.

On motion the regular order of business is suspended in order to hear Dr. C. J. Thompson on the Biblical Recorder.

Dr. R. T. Vann, representing Christain Education, and F. B. Hamrick, of the Orphanage, were extended a cordial welcome by the Moderator.

Report on Ministerial Relief read and discussed by A. H. Porter, and further discussed by R. D. Covington, W. P. Campbell, W. S. Ballard, and F. B. Hamrick. Adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by A. H. Porter, and further discussed by W. P. Campbell, F. T. Wooten, and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Va., in its last report tells of a year of triumphant success both at home and abroad. The total contributions for the year, including the amount raised on the debt and on the Judson Centennial Fund were $806,729, leaving a deficit, which combined with the old debt, made a total indebtedness of $180,000. During this meeting of the Convention in Asheville a great movement was started for the purpose of paying off this heavy indebtedness. Many of our brethren and sisters have made beautiful and joyful response to this appeal.

The campaign to raise the Judson Centennial Fund of $1,250,000 has been successful.

The pastors should encourage the prompt collection of the subscriptions to this fund.

During the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized and 77 churches instituted.

Our foreign missionaries now number 315, of whom 133 are men and 182 women.

The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632, organized into 409 churches, 95 of which are self-supporting.

Attention should be called to the interest which the native churches are taking toward self-support and self-government. One field will illustrate this: In Brazil the per capita contributions for all objects are $572.

Our Brazilian Baptists have their own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Among our members in foreign lands there are many tithers. There are some churches which make tithing a test of fellowship.

We stand clear and distinct from all other denominations in the message to a lost world. We make no compromise with any.

The question has been asked, "Will Baptist principles stand the test of advancing intelligence and of the tremendous march of culture and civilization?" I reply, they are the only principles that can stand the test, for they are built on Christ the Solid Rock, and we say that we have faith in the power of this gospel, as we believe it, to save a lost world, and yet we are doing so little. The church is like the rich man in the parable, clothed in fine linen and faring sumptuously every day, while the sick, hungry world lies perishing at our feet, like Lazarus, receiving only the crumbs that fall from our bountifully laden tables.

Like everything that grows our Foreign Mission work has increasing needs. Our success has carried us into a situation from which there is no turning back, and which lays new claims upon us. We have tasks which we can neither turn loose nor turn over to others. In view therefore of the imperative need of reinforcement on all our foreign fields, and the very great importance of meeting the current support of this work this year and avoiding another debt: we recommend that this Association divide among the churches the apportionment for this year, and earnestly urge the churches to undertake to raise the amounts askd of them before April 30, 1917.

The amount asked of this State is $55,000, of which this Association is asked to give $750.

We also recommend that all our pastors present the claims of a lost world to all our people.

Very respectfully submitted,

A. H. PORTER.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, is the agency through which Southern Baptists, as a single body, address themselves to the task of saving the lost and building up the churches in the whole South.

The task of Home Missions is immense. The territory served by the Home Board embraces 1,000,000 square miles and has in it about 36,000,000 people. After counting out 4,000,000 as infants or other irresponsible persons, 18,000,000 persons in the South make no profession of religion.

To meet this immense need last year our Board maintained wholly or in part 1,409 missionaries. These reported 43,792 baptisms and brought into the churches 71,386 persons. They organized 167 Baptist churches and 321 Sunday-schools. They held up before the eyes and hearts of men in more than 5,000 communities the light of the world, the Saviour of mankind. No

Mission Board in America was ever blessed with such large success or such marked evidence of the favor of God on its workers.

In the highlands and on the plains, in the cities and the country side, among the white and black, natives and foreigners, in Cuba and the Canal Zone, messengers of Christ have brought light for darkness, and driven out sin with divine love.

This year the Convention has apportioned $438,750 for Home Missions, to be raised by Baptist churches in seventeen States. This is less than $18 for each church. Nearly every one of the smaller and weaker churches are able to raise this amount for so great a cause, and thousands of stronger ones should do far more than that.

We recommend:

1. That earnest prayer be made in all the churches for the Board and for its work, and that at least one sermon yearly be preached in every church on Home Missions.

2. That this Association take proper steps to apportion its Home Mission apportionment among the churches and publish the list in the minutes of our body.

R. A. HEDGPETH, Committee.

The report on the Biblical Recorder was read by A. M. Kelley, and discussed by him and Dr. R .T. Vann.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

For more than eighty years the Biblical Recorder, of Raleigh, has been the faithful exponent of Baptist principles, and today it is sound in faith, sane in pocily, aggressive in work and true to its mission as the organ of North Carolina Baptists. Price, $2.00 per year.

The paper stands for five things which form one symmetrical whole:

1st. Evangelization—the winning of souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

2nd. Enlightenment—the saved soul needs instruction in the way of righteousness.

3rd. Edification—the saved and enlightened soul needs to be built up in faith and work.

4th. Enlistment—what has gone before must be put to worthy and specific use.

5th. Equipment for the most efficient services in the various departments of denominational and world-wide Christian work.

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. KELLY, Committee.

AFTERNOON.

Reassemble.

Report on Education read and discussed by R. D. Cov-

ington and further discussed by Dr. R. T. Vann. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention has for its object not only the maintenance of the young men preparing for the ministry at Wake Forest and the Seminary, but also of the young women at our colleges preparing for mission work, and also for the promotion in general of Christian Education for all our young people.

In our Baptist school system at present there are fourteen high schools, Wake Forest for young men, and Meredith and Chowan colleges for young women. These institutions represent a money value of a million and a half dollars. They enrolled last year 3,788 students.

The teaching and example of our divine Master, the evident plan of God as revealed in nature, the growing demand for trained workers in all secular employments, the examples of other great denominations, the crying need of our own,—all these seriously impress the necessity of religious education for our people and call us loudly to lose no time in going about it.

In view of the facts stated, and of the fundamental fact, namely, that consecration and training lie at the basis of every enterprise now engaging the efforts of our denomination, the Board of Education is calling upon our churches to raise this year $20,000 or two-fifths as much as they raise for State Missions. Since the amount raised for Missions is spent in supporting the missionaries, surely it is not unreasonable to spend two-fifths as much in preparing missionaries for their work. And since eighty-three per cent of all ministers and ninety-one per cent of our missionaries have been trained in Christian schools, it would seem that if these schools should die every mission board would soon have to go out of business. And let it be widely known and ever remembered that these schools must die unless our people come to their support.

Your committee recommends, therefore, that our Association approve the plan of the Convention for promoting general education.

Second. That we approve the efforts of the Board of Education to raise this year for Education $20,000.00, or two-fifths as much as we raise for State Missions.

Third. That the Association endeavor to raise among the churches during the year $300.00, and request each of the churches to assume its proportional part of this amount; and that either by pledges or apportionment arrangements be made to effectuate this plan with the churches.

Fourth. That as long as the work of our schools equals that of the State schools or those of other denominations we earnestly urge our people to patronize their own.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. COVINGTON.

On motion a committee, consisting of W. P. Campbell, A. H. Porter, and R. D. Covington was appointed to apportion to the different churches of the Association the amounts to be raised for the various objects of the Association. All the churches named below are earnestly requested to give at least the amounts opposite their names, and more, if possible.

Amts. to be raised by the churches for the year 1917

	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministerial Relief	Sunday-school Missions
Beardman	25	15	30	75	15	15	10
Bogue	15	15	30	30	15	10	5
Cedar Grove	5	5	5	5	3	5	2
Cerro Gordo	15	10	30	10	30	10	10
Cheerful Hope	25	10	25	25	10	5	3
Cherry Grove	5	5	10	5	5	5	2
China Grove	5	5	5	5	5	3	2
Chadbourn	40	45	60	50	25	10	5
Clarkton	5	5	20	5	5	5	2
Clarendon	5	5	5	15	5	5	2
Council	10	5	15	5	5	5	2
Corinth	10	10	15	5	10	5	2
Evergreen	5	5	15	5	10	5	2
Fair Bluff	30	25	30	20	15	10	5
Goshen	5	5	5	5	2	2	2
Hinson Cross Roads	5	5	5	5	5	3	2
Livingston	10	10	20	10	10	5	10
Lennons Cross Roads	75	35	100	45	15	10	5
Mt. Tabor	10	10	15	10	10	2	2
Mt. Zion	10	5	15	5	5	5	2
Macedonia	5	5	10	5	5	2	3
Magnolia	5	5	5	5	5	2	2
New Hope	10	10	25	5	10	5	2
New Berlin	15	5	10	5	3	2	2
Oakdale	15	10	30	10	10	3	2
Porter Swamp	10	3	5	5	5	2	5
Piney Forest	10	5	10	5	5	5	2
Pleasant Plains	10	5	15	10	5	2	2
Pleasant Hill	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Smyrna	5	5	10	5	10	3	10
Sweet Home	10	5	15	5	5	5	2
Union Chapel	2	2	3	1	1	1	1
Whiteville	80	45	100	100	15	10	15
White Marsh	5	5	10	5	5	2	2
Williamson Cross Roads	10	5	20	5	5	3	2
Western Prong	15	15	25	10	10	15	5
Total	524	367	750	522	305	188	135

The report on the Orphanage was read by J. H. Poteet, and discussed by him and F. B. Hamrick, and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina has been in existence more than 31 years, during which time it has been claiming the attention and support of North Carolina Baptists and faithfully caring for the children placed in its care. Another noticeable fact is that the Orphanage is fast becoming the most interesting spot in North Carolina to the hearts of North Carolina Baptists.

The Orphanage is one of the greatest hot-beds for Baptists there is in the State. There are at present more than 500 children being cared for by the Orphanage and we are reliably informed that they are being cared for in a spiritual atmosphere that is calculated to mold their lives and form their characters for the Baptists and for eternity. Furthermore, they are being educated, not only in literary attainments, but in the practical avocations of every-day life; that when they have stayed their time in the Orphanage and go out in the world to fight the battles of life alone, they are equipped and qualified to make respectable citizens and not be the drudgers of earth, which they most likely would have been had it not been for the Orphanage.

The sad feature about the Orphanage is not in its past history, nor its present accomplishments, but it is that a large number of our Baptist people have not come to realize that visiting and caring for the Orphans is one of the ways of manifesting a pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father. To claim that we have the religion of God is to claim that we have been re-bound on to God by the redemptive work of Christ and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, but to prove that we have been re-bound on to God is to give ourselves and means for the needs of others that are in need. This is God-like in Christ Jesus and is one proof that we are bound on to God.

Therefore your committee begs leave to recommend that the churches of this Association hold a thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day or as near that day as possible and make a liberal Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage and that each church make a monthly offering for the Orphanage either by the church or through the Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. POTEET, Committee.

Rev. A. D. Harrelson from the Carolina Association being present was extended a cordial welcome by the Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE, AND NOMINATIONS.

Time—Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1917.

Place—Bogue Chapel, Hallsboro.

Preacher—J. D. Howell; Alternate, W. P. Campbell.

Delegates to State Convention—A. H. Porter, J. R. Williamson.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—A. H. Porter, F. T. Wooten.

Executive Committee—J. R. Williamson, J. L. Memory, W. S. Ballard, R. D. Covington, I. B. Tucker, A. H. Porter, R. H. Powell, J. D. Howell, W. P. Campbell.

Moderator—J. R. Williamson.

Clerk—J. J. Hendren.

Treasurer—Ira Lennon.

Report is adopted.

A. H. PORTER, for Committee.

On motion a letter of dismission was granted Palmyra Church to assist in the organization of a new Association, of which this church wishes to become a member.

The following resolution to be considered one year hence were offered by W. P. Campbell:

Resolved, That a period of thirty minutes be given each day for the discussion of miscellaneous business.

Resolved, That the office of Treasurer of the Cape Fear-Columbus Association be and is hereby abolished; that no money shall be received by this Association from the delegates except the minute fund, and that the Clerk of the Association is herewith authorized to receive this fund and to apply it to the printing bill.

Adjourned till tomorrow.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotional services conducted by W. P. Campbell.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Paul in Thessalonians teaches to abstain from all appearance of evil. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him." And again the wise man in Proverbs saith, "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contention? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine." "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it

moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.

Adopted.

W. S. BALLARD.

The report on Sunday-schools was read and discussed by Irvin B. Tucker, and adopted.

The work of the Sunday-school in the Cape Fear-Columbus Association has been materially advanced during the current year, the laymen taking more interest in the work than ever before.

We think the important thing is to impress the usefulness of the Sunday-school as a moulder of public morals, a feeder for the church and an educator in Bible History and Bible Truths.

We think a supreme effort should be made during the first six months of the incoming Associational year, by every pastor and church worker to thoroughly arouse all Christians to the importance of Sunday-school work, and that during the latter half of the year a campaign be inaugurated, and pushed with much vigor, to interest Christian men and women in taking a course of training to equip themselves for teaching. We recommend the course prescribed by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and commend to all pastors and churches the encouragement of organizing adult classes; the name and plan of orgaization to be left to the individual church. We recommend that all organized classes enroll with the Sunday School Board.

We further urge that all pastors, of churches having no Sunday-school, that meets regularly throughout the year, to preach a special sermon to their congregation on the subject and secure the service of others to present the Sunday-school cause to any such church.

Respectfully submitted,
IRVIN B. TUCKER.

The report on Aged Ministers' Relief was read and discussed by R. D. Covington, and adopted.

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This Board was organized in the city of Wilmington twenty-six years ago with six trustees and is now composed of nine, and also a number of associate trustees.

For convenience the Board is located in Durham and as the members of the Board receive no pay for their services the active members of the same live in or near the city of Durham. It is under the control of the Baptist State Convention, and regularly each year, the Convention elects both its active and associate trustees.

The Boarh meets regularly four times each year—the fourth Wednesday in February, May, August and November. Thirty-five have been helped by the Board during the past year and several applications are pending for help.

In order for a minister to receive help from the Board, it must be shown that he is a native North Carolinian or has served as pastor or evangelist in the State for five years preceding such application for help, and his application must have the endorsement of the Moderator and Executive Committee of his Association and also the pastor of the church at which he holds his membership.

The applicant for aid must also furnish the Board information as to his physical or mental disability for work and what means he or his wife has for subsistence.

It is a pleasure to note that there is an increased activity on the part of some of the churches towards this department of our work, and yet there are sixty per cent of our churches who have never contributed to this worthy cause.

Brethren, let us give this matter the consideration it is due, and let me urge that every church within the bounds of our Association take a liberal collection for this object on the Sunday nearest to Christmas and consider the words of the Master in Matthew 25:40: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MEMORY.

Adopted.

A surplus of $11.66 benig found in the hands of the Finance Committee which has not been designated to any special object, the Association directs the chairman of this committee to apportion this amount equally among the various Mission Boards and the Orphanage, unless further information is received as to its appropriation.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Board of the Cape Fear-Columbus Association, do hereby submit the following report:

The following applications for assistance from the Board of Missions were approved at a meeting of the Board, November 11, 1915:

Pleasant Hill Church	$ 50.00
Councils	75.00
The Bolton Field	300.00
Total	$425.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. WILLIAMSON, For Committee.

Hesolved, that the thanks of this Association be extended to the Fair Bluff Baptist Church, the people of the town and the surrounding community for the generous and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this session of the Association.

In order that a digest of the church letters may be made out and displayed on blackboard during the session of the Association, the clerks of the various churches are urged to forward their church letters to the clerk of the Association as early as possible after the first of October.

The following Passive Committee was appointed by the Moderator:

Boardman—G. W. Brown.
Bogue—J. B. Wyche.
Clarendon—J. C. Stanley.
Cerro Gordo—R. D. Covington.
Cedar Grove—N. M. Green.
China Grove—J. C. White.
Cherry Grove—N. H. Bufkin.
Cheerful Hope—A. H. Lennon, Jr.
Chadbourn—D. F. Strole.
Clarkton—A. S. Register.
Corinth—D. F. Kelley.
Council—W. E. Flake.
Evergreen—B. T. Kissam.
Fair Bluff—R. E. Powell.
Goshen—S. J. Powell.
Hinson X Roads—J. J. Hammond.
Livingston's—F. L. Jernegan.
Lennon's X Roads—A. J. Branch.
Mt. Tabor—W. C. Graham.
Mt. Zion—Miss Laura Baldwin.
Macedonia—J. T. Nobles.
New Hope—F. M. White.
New Berlin—Porter Hufham.
Oakdale—A. H. Porter.
Piney Forest—W. D. McLelland.
Pleasant Hill—H. D. White.
Porter Swamp—L. H. Smith.
Pleasant Plain—C. B. Gore.
Smyrna—Geo. Hooks.
Union Chapel—J. M. Worrell.
Whiteville—J. L. Brittain.

Williamson's Cross Roads—J. H. Williamson
Western Prong—Seymore Cook.
White Marsh—Jas. High.
Sweet Home—S. C. Love.

On motion a Committee on Memorials be elected by the Association as follows: J. J. Adams, J. B. Wyche, and A. M. Kelley.

On motion F. T. Wooten is made permanent Historian for the Association.

The following Committee on Program was appointed: W. P. Campbell, I. B. Tucker, and J. J. Hendren.

On motion a period of one hour is set apart at the beginning of the session for the reading of church letters, provided it is not possible for the Clerk to have made out by that time a digest of the letters.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION.

10:30 a. m.—Call to order by the Moderator.
11:00 a. m.—Introductory sermon by J. D. Howell.
Appointment of Committes by the Moderator.

Afternoon.

1:30 p. m.—Roll Call.
Treasurer's report.
Report of Executive Committee.
Miscellaneous Business.
2:30 p. m.—Report on Recorder—O. M. Powers.
3:00 p. m.—Report on Laymen's Movement—R. D. Covington.
3:30 p. m.—Report on Education—J. B. Wyche.

Thursday Morning.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
9:45 a. m.—Report on Foreign Missions—W. P. Campbell.
10:30 a. m.—Report on Home Missions—A. H. Porter.
11:30 a. m.—Report on State Missions—F. T. Wooten.

Afternoon.

1:30 p. m.—Report on Time, Place and Nominations.
1:45 p. m.—Report on Orphanage—J. J. Adams.
2:00 p. m.—Report on Aged Ministers' Relief—Porter Hufham.
2:30 p. m.—Report on Sunday-schools—W. S. Ballard.
3:00 p. m.—Report on Temperance—Luther Lennon.
3:45 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
Reading of minutes of present session.

Minutes of present session were read and approved.
Adjournment.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Post-Office	Clerk and Post-Office	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			No. of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restorat'n	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Boardman	Paul T. Britt, Lumberton	D. F. Edwards, Boardman	3	$2500	2	2	2	1	2	2	81	101	185
Bogue Chapel	W. P. Campbell, Chadbourn	J. B. Wyche, Hallsboro	4	1700	29			3			117	160	277
Cedar Grove	C. Stanley, Chadbourn	J. J. Powell, Cerro Gordo	1	500	11	2	5	3	6	1	59	110	169
Cerro Gordo	R. A. Hedgepeth, Barnesville	J. I. Nance, Cerro Gordo	4	3000	18	16		9			44	82	126
Cheerful Hope	W. S. Ballard, Cerro Gordo	E. W. Fuhr, Freeman	3	1000	3	2				2	31	46	77
Cherry Grove	W. A. Coleman, Boardman	T. W. Lancaster, Clarendon	2	600	6	4	5		10	8	56	150	206
China Grove	G. W. Stanley, Mollie	T. L. James, Chadbourn	3	800	10	1	3	10	6	2			163
Chadbourn	W. P. Campbell, Chadbourn	H. B. Wilkes, Chadbourn	1-3	1800		25		12		1	86	144	230
Clarkton	J. D. Howell, Clarkton	W. J. Gooden, Clarkton	1-2	1000	16	13	1	4			50	62	112
Clarendon	A. D. Harrelson, Loris, S. C.	W. J. Harrelson, Clarendon	4	651	6	4	1	6	2	1	50	72	122
Council	A. H. Porter, Whiteville	W. E. Flake, Council	1	1800	3	5					32	28	60
Corinth	W. A. Coleman, Boardman	W. M. Bullard, Chadbourn	1	1000	3	1		2	2		40	63	103
Evergreen	P. T. Britt, Lumberton	O. L. Lawson, Evergreen	1			3		1		1	63	77	140
Fair Bluff	W. P. Campbell, Chadbourn	R. Q. Powell, Fair Bluff	2	1000	54	14		5		1	95	107	202
Goshen Chapel	A. D. Carter, Garland	S. J. Rowell, Phoenix	3	600	2	4	2	1	1		21	29	50
Hinson's X Roads	C. Stanley, Chadbourn	G. J. Hammond, Cerro Gordo	3	500	25	19	2			2	66	67	133
Livingston	A. H. Porter, Whiteville	F. L. Jernegan, New Berlin	2	1000	9	2		6			37	89	126
Lennon's X Roads	J. D. Howell, Clarkton	A. M. Kelley, Abbottsburg	4	1000	7	2	1	8			95	108	203
Mount Tabor	G. F. Stanley, Loris, S. C.	W. E. Mills, Tabor	2	1500				1		3	77	178	255
Mount Zion	A. H. Porter, Whiteville	H. B. Smith, Whiteville	3	2000	1	2				2	24	50	74
Macedonia	P. T. Britt, Lumberton, R. 4	F. H. Britt, Chadbourn, R. 2	3	500	3	1		7		3	67	70	137
Magnolia													
Mishop Springs													
New Hope	G. W. Stanley, Mollie	B. White, Vineland	1-3	2500	10	12	3	16	6	3	59	117	176
New Berlin	W. S. Ballard, Cerro Gordo	J. M. Bordeaux, New Berlin	3	1000	2	4					32	31	63
Oak Dale	F. T. Wooten, Chadbourn	A. Tyner, Whiteville, R. 1	3	300	10	15	1	1	1	1	44	61	105
Porter Swamp	P. T. Britt, Lumberton	J. N. Bullard, Cerro Gordo	1	1600	8	5	2	4	5	1	66	107	173
Piney Forest	F. T. Wooten, Chadbourn	R. L. McCleney, Grists	1		1	3				1	40	56	96
Palymyra	C. Millican, Old Dock	J. H. Powell, Old Dock	2	450	21				6		48	79	127
Pleasant Plains	J. H. Poteet, Whiteville	N. S. Jolley, Vineland	2	1000	20	3	2	8	2		78	92	170
Pleasant Hill	J. T. Tyner, Whiteville, R. 1	H. D. White, Chadbourn, R. 1	1	500		2		2			11	37	48
Smyrna	J. H. Poteet, Whiteville	P. H. Bass, Whiteville	3	1000	28	9	4	3	2	2	68	87	155
Sweet Home	D. L. Hewett, Shallotte	S. P. Stanley, Mollie	3	750		1	2	5	9	2	65	99	164
Union Chapel	W. A. Coleman, Boardman	J. M. Carroll, Bolton	3	900	4	5	1	5	1	1	22	33	55
Whiteville	J. H. Poteet, Whiteville	D. V. Cook, Whiteville	1-2-3-4	8000	13	11	3	37	6		77	113	190
White Marsh	J. H. Poteet, Whiteville	W. J. Harrell, Whiteville, R. 2	4	500	14		2	1		1	47	61	108
Williamson's X Roads	R. A. Hedgepeth, Barnesville	D. B. F. Nance, Chadbourn	4	2000				2	1		35	41	76
Western Prong	F. T. Wooten, Chadboun	Geo. E. Collier, Clarkton	2	1800	15	6		6	1		100	135	235
Waccamaw													
Totals				46751	324	198	42	169	64	69	1983	2952	5101

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidental	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total
Boardman	$200 00	$ 25 00	$110 98	$126 91	$23 63	$ 1 30	$ 28 45	$18 00	$80 12	$7 49	$96 48	$	$ 3 91	$ 43 95	$ 765 93
Bogue Chapel	200 00	230 00	79 50	42 47		3 13	13 11	19 42	42 11	4 00	22 88	5 25	3 00		664 87
Cedar Grove	45 82	53 37		3 50	2 45	1 50		3 32	4 31				12 85		126 12
Cerro Gordo	200 00		7 50		1 50	1 00	14 44	10 10	39 31		29 50	12 40	3 15		375 80
Cheerful Hope	130 00		35 00	20 74		1 50	20 75	5 00	34 50		20 00	5 00	5 00		292 49
Cherry Grove	114 00		3 15	52 25	12 40	1 25	1 75	2 82	1 40		1 00	4 25		20 03	214 30
China Grove	125 00		51	56 67		50		5 50	6 79		4 36			12 00	211 33
Chadbourn	600 00	214 05	26 10	81 51		3 00	67 95	40 01	135 35		70 79	10 00		7 60	1256 36
Clarkton	300 00	17 00	13 23	44 85	2 10	2 00	26 44	10 46	24 79	5 00	21 53	5 00	2 66	175 00	655 03
Clarendon	35 25	626 37		23 90	8 00	90	90	1 00	1 00		38 83		2 06		738 21
Council	175 00		23 08	15 00	10 35	1 50	5 25	5 75	13 29		14 25	3 01	2 75		269 43
Corinth	101 45	11 80	20 32	19 01	10 20		7 81	20 27	15 09				3 78		220 63
Evergreen	150 00						4 06	7 37	14 36		4 00		3 40		179 19
Fair Bluff	250 00		78 02	36 57	11 86	1 50	15 57	18 84	12 56	9 43	7 00	5 00	4 63	414 70	865 96
Goshen	125 00	60 00	10 00	36 00		1 00	3 00	3 00	3 70		1 40				233 11
Hinson's X Roads	68 00		44 96	26 35	7 76	50		23 07							164 64
Livingston	150 00	7 50	21 92	24 23	2 25	1 00	9 16	1 83	7 53	10 00	20 80	6 75	1 56	4 10	264 43
Lennon's X Roads	225 00	13 86	55	23 85		2 50	80 78	35 68	101 65		70 16	4 18	5 00	38 06	601 24
Mount Tabor	101 20	56 75	12 00			70	1 75	1 03	3 19		5 49	1 70	2 45		185 76
Mount Zion	125 00		29 00	4 40		2 00	3 31	5 83	6 48		15 95	3 05			195 02
Macedonia	100 00	1 35	10 61	13 20		1 10	3 00	6 22	5 18		9 10		15 56	3 00	168 32
Magnolia															
New Hope	200 00	2300 00	25 00	23 50		2 00	2 60	3 00	9 06		28 02		5 44		2598 62
New Berlin	100 00	102 90	22 47	31 80		1 70	16 58	1 10	17 80		11 80	4 80	2 00		312 26
Oak Dale	100 00	1 20		16 02		1 57	34 68	4 14	17 05		17 76	4 75	2 55	16 00	
Porter Swamp	96 50		42 60	18 66	8 70	1 00	5 49	6 51	8 00		12 86		5 48		204 80
Piney Forest	100 00						12 02	5 41	6 15		21 99	34 01	3 00		182 58
Palmyra	55 12				4 52					3 56	1 80				66 00
Pleasant Plains	150 00	42 07				2 90	10 20	6 05	3 50		10 55		3 00		228 27
Pleasant Hill	40 36	14 40		10 70				1 00	1 00		1 00				68 46
Smyrna	100 00	57 50	70	8 83		2 80	9 17	8 98	10 40		20 05			20 00	238 43
Sweet Home	53 92	1 41	17 22		8 63		5 65	4 54	5 51		13 50		2 75		107 43
Union Chapel	60 00		6 00	2 00			2 60	3 45						10 00	84 05
Whiteville	1000 00	37 75	132 87	92 76	6 12	5 00	55 35	74 27	125 00	13 25	125 07		20 00	460 00	2149 44
White Marsh	75 00	65 00		6 00		2 00	5 84	3 57	10 40		8 00		1 90		177 71
Williamson's X. Raods	125 00		2 50	4 56		1 00	8 20	3 00	7 38	1 27	15 02	2 73	1 25		171 91
Western Prong	180 25		15 00	15 78		2 50	21 67	11 18	16 32	1 00	55 46	16 02	13 76	44 27	393 21
Waccamaw															
Totals	5956 87	3938 58	790 84	852 02	120 47	51 35	505 53	380 72	790 28	57 56	805 20	128 15	155 40	1268 71	15731 34

Church	Superintendent and Post-Office	Secretary and Post-Office	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Mos. kept open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Boardman	Geo. W. Brown, Boardman	Haynes Ivey, Boardman	1	11	135	146	100	12	2	126 91	$ 7 49	$72 00	$ 4 08	$210 48
Bogue Chapel	J. B. Wyche, Hallsboro	Allie Ray, Hallsboro	2	15	150	165	65	12	25	42 47	9 66	22 88	3 00	78 01
Cedar Grove	R. M. Green, Cerro Gordo	J. J. Powell, Cerro Gordo	1	6	69	75	33	12	6	5 35				5 35
Cerro Gordo	R. D. Covington, Cerro Gordo	J. V. Williamson, Cerro Gordo	1	9	85	94	35	12	18	51 04	7 03		33 00	91 70
Cheerful Hope	A. H. Lennon, Jr., Freeman	Archie Carr, Bolton	1	6	63	69	28	12		20 75		15 25		36 00
Cherry Grove	N. H. Bufkin, Clarendon	Gordon Bufkin, Clarendon	2	14	161	175	50	12		52 25				52 25
China Grove	H. B. Nobles, Chadbourn	Ed. Nobles, Chadbourn	1	11	104	115		12		56 57				56 57
Chadbourn	J. J. Hendren, Chadbourn	J. T. Usher, Chadbourn	1	10	169	179	40	12		81 50	19 30	21 87		122 74
Clarkton	Alex. S. Register, Clarkton	Homer Hester, Clarkton	1	15	82	97	43	12	11	44 80	5 22	8 00		68 07
Clarendon	J. C. Stanley, Chadbourn	W. M. Stephens, Clarendon	1	9	121	130	56	12	3	23 90				23 90
Council	L. E. Squires, Council	W. B. Hobbs, Council	1	6	36	42	18	12	2	15 00				15 00
Corinth	J. B. Bullard, Chadbourn	W. M. Bullard, Chadbourn	1	9	89	98		12		19 01				19 01
Evergreen	B. T. Kissam, Boardman	Agnes Griffin, Evergreen	1	7	105	116		12		20 58	12 74	2 40	11 89	47 61
Fair Bluff	J. F. Rogers, Fair Bluff	A. E. Waller, Fair Bluff	1	11	76	87		12		36 57	9 43	2 00	34 38	82 38
Goshen	S. J. Rowell, Phoenix	W. C. Begg, Wilmington	1	6	40	46	30	10		26 00				26 00
Hinson's X Roads	G. J. Hammond, Cerro Gordo	M. Dudley, Cerro Gordo	1	15	88	103	58	12	11	26 35				26 35
Livingston	Q. M. Lennon, New Berlin	F. L. Jernegen, New Berlin	1	12	136	147	54	12	4	24 23	10 00	20 60	3 50	58 33
Lennon's X Roads	C. W. Williams, Abbottsburg	D. L. Kelley, Abbottsburg	1	9	90	99	60	12	7	23 85		62 01		85 86
Mount Tabor	W. C. Graham, Tabor	R. L. Bruton, Tabor	1	10	125	135	40	12		47 50		3 05		50 55
Mount Zion	A. J. Baldwin, Whiteville	J. H. Baldwin, Whiteville	1	5	22	27	11	12	1	4 40	90	10 25		15 65
Macedonia	G. W. Brown, Chadbourn	D. L. Brown, Chadbourn	1	10	60	70	50	12						
Magnolia														
Mishop Springs														
New Hope	L. M. McLain, Vineland	D. L. Edge, Vineland	3	12	116	128	60	12	10	2 25	5 06	5 50		12 81
New Berlin	Porter Hufham, New Berlin	M. A. Bordeaux, New Berlin	1	7	72	79	45	12	1	31 80	10 54	11 80		54 14
Oak Dale	M. Hester, Whiteville, R 1	Roy Horn, Whiteville, R. 1	1	9	122	131	89	12	9	16 02	12 56	3 50		32 08
Porter Swamp	L. H. Smith, Cerro Gordo	D. H. Collins, Cerro Gordo	1	9	94	103	35	12	2	18 56	5 47			24 03
Piney Forest	J. C. Williamson, Grists	T. B. McClency, Grists	1	7	31	38	25	12		11 00				11 00
Palymyra	Jabe Sasser, Old Dock	M. C. Suggs, Old Dock	1	7	95	102	36	12	21	3 56				3 56
Pleasant Plains	J. M. Harrelson, Vineland	Ernest Harrelson, Vineland	1	9	60	69	53	12	4	9 76	2 55			12 31
Pleasant Hill	D. W. Hughes, Chadbourn	Forest Bufkin, Vineland	1	7	54	61	15	9		10 70				10 70
Smyrna	Geo. W. Hooks, Whiteville	Wiley K. Hays, Whiteville	1	7	39	46		12		8 83		13 50	11 00	33 33
Sweet Home	J. J. Todd, Clarendon	S. C. Long, Mollie	1	9	81	90		12		13 64				13 64
Union Chapel	R. B. Etheridge, Wannanish	W. Burney, Hallsboro	1	5	20	26	15	12	3	2 00				2 00
Whiteville	J. E. Elkins, Whiteville	A. E. Cook, Whiteville	1	11	214	225	72	12	11	92 76	70 54	69 70	10 00	242 37
White Marsh	A. B. Creech, Hallsboro	F. A. Creech, Hallsboro	1	5	39	44	25	12	2	6 00				6 00
Williamson's X Roads	E. L. Williamson, Chadbourn	Arthur Nance, Boardman	1	8	47	55	21	12		4 56	1 27			5 83
Western Prong	W. O. Page, Clarkton	Frank Page, Clarkton	1	8	73	81	40	12	2	15 78	10 50	45 10	13 57	84 75
Waccamaw														
Totals			40	324	3163	3395	1302		155	992 31	200 26	389 41	134 42	1442 56

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Church	Name of Organization	President and Post-Office	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Boardman	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. Geo. W. Brown, Boardman	31	$11 65	$3 73	$10 27	$—	$3 60	$—	$16 00
Bogue Chapel	Woman's Missionary Society		—	—	4 24	20 79	—	—	—	25 03
Cerro Gordo	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. R. Williamson, Cero Gordo	21	—	—	10 40	—	16 15	5 35	31 90
China Grove	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. T. L. James, Chadbourn	—	—	5 25	—	—	—	—	5 25
Chadbourn	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. J. Hendren, Chadbourn	40	11 65	3 80	25 00	—	3 60	—	44 05
Clarkton	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. D. Howell, Clarkton	8	5 05	—	2 25	—	—	—	7 30
Lennon's X Roads	Woman's Missionary Society	Altie Jenerette, Boardman	12	—	—	—	—	1 45	2 30	3 75
Sweet Home	Woman's Missionary Society	Mollie Stanley, Clarendon	11	3 25	—	3 26	—	—	—	6 61
Whiteville	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. T. Best, Whiteville	28	7 80	10 00	18 00	—	—	—	35 80
Totals			151	39 35	27 02	89 97	—	24 80	7 65	175 69